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Attorney Docket No. 15966-557 (CURA-57)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Shimkets and Prayaga
ASSIGNEE : CURAGEN CORPORATION
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/494,585 EXAMINER : Christine Saoud
FILING DATE : January 31, 2001 ART UNIT : 1647
FOR : NOVEL FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR AND NUCLEIC ACIDS
ENCODING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 30, 2001
Boston, Massachusetts

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four (4) month extension of time to respond to the February 28, 2001 Office action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Monday, July 30, 2001. A check for \$695.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(4) is enclosed. No additional fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 (CURA-57).

Respectfully submitted,

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